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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: POLITICAL SITUATION IN PAKISTAN

1. THERE ARE SEVERAL FAMILAIAR THEMES IN THE CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION - DESULTORY TALKS BETWEEN BHUTTO AND THE PAKISTAN NATIONAL ALLIANCE (PNA), PNA CALLS FOR DEMONSTRATIONS, AND THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO THOSE CALLS, I.E., CURFEWS IMPOSED ON LAHORE, KARACHI AND HYDERABAD. A NEW PLAYER IN THE DRAMA IS SARDAR QAYUM KHAN, PRESIDENT OF THE ALL JAMMU AND KASHMIR MUSLIM CONFERNECE, ONE OF THE NINE PARTIES IN THE PNA. (NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH KHAN QAYUM KHAN, LEADER OF A BRANCH OF THE MUSLIM LEAGUE AND FORMER INTERIOR MINISTER IN BHUTTO'S CABINET). WHILE PRESIDENT OF AZAD KASHMIR, SARDAY QAYUM RAN AFOUL OF THE PPP AND HAS SPENT  
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THE LAST 19 MONTHS IN JAIL. AFTER HIS RELEASE, HE MET WITH THE PIR OF PAGARO AND THEN ON THE EVENING OF THE 19TH FLEW TO KARACHI BEGINNING A TOUR OF THE COUNTRY CONSULTING PNA LEADERS. THE DISCUSSIONS WILL CENTER ON THE COURSE OF FUTURE BHUTTO/PNA TALKS AND ARE, ACCORDING TO A NAWA-I-WAQT INTERVIEW WITH QAYUM, BEING HELD AS A RESULT OF THE MEETINGS WITH THE KUWAITI FOREIGN MINISTER THIS PAST WEEK. COMBINED WITH FURTHER RUMORS IN THE URDU

PRESS OF A MEETING BETWEEN BHUTTO AND MUFTI MAHMUD, SARDAY QAYUM'S TRIP SEEMS TO BE PART OF THE CONTINUING EFFORT BY BOTH BHUTTO AND THE PNA TO SHOW THEY ARE BEING MODERATE AND RATIONAL ANEUIT IS THE OTHER SIDE WHICH IS CONFRONTATIONAL.

2. THE PNA CONTINUES TO CALL FOR NEW COUNTRY-WIDE DEMONSTRATIONS. AS A RESPONSE TO THE PROCESSIONS SCHEDULED FOR TODAY THE GOVERNMENT HAS IMPOSED TIGHT CURFEWS ON LAHORE, KARACHI AND HYDERABAD. IN LAHORE ALL EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES HAVE BEEN ORDERED OFF THE ROAD. IN KARACHI AND HYDERABAD THE CURFEW HAS NOT BEEN APPLIED AS TIGHTLY AND ALLOWS FOR SOME MOVEMENT.

3. THE GOP CONTINUES TO EXERCISE TIGHT CENSORSHIP OVER THE INDIGENOUS PRESS. THEPUNJAB GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED, ON MAY 19, THE CLOSURE OF TWO WEEKLIES PUBLISHED IN LAHORE. CHATTAN AND ISLAMI JUMHOORIA, BOTH REPRESENTING THE VIEWS OF RIGHT-WING ELEMENTS IN THE PNA AND HIGHLY CRITICAL OF THE GOVERNMENT, HAVE BEEN CANCELLED FOR CONTINUED VIOLATION OF THE CENSORSHIP LAWS.

4. THE OFFICIAL PPP NEWSPAPER, MUSAWAT, KEPT UP ITS DAILY DRUMBEAT OF ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES. TODAY'S PAPER INCLUDED A PRESS STATEMENT ISSUED BY A MINOR PPP FUNCTIONARY WHO REPEATED THE OLD CANARD ABOUT PAKISTAN'S RISING STRENGTH POSING A THREAT TO ISRAEL AND BLOCKING U.S. "BLACKMAIL" OF THE ARAB COUNTRIES. IT IS THESE FACTORS WHICH HAVE CAUSED THE REACTIONARY FORCES TO DECIDE TO DESTROY PAKISTAN. THEPAKISTAN TIMES ALSO INCLUDED SOME ANTI--AMERICAN ITEMS. IN A REGULAR COLUMN SIGNED BY "XYZ" THERE WERE SEVERAL COMMENTS OF A DEROGATORY NATURE. THE WRITER ALLEGES THAT AMERICAN SYMPATHIZERS IN THE CONFIDENTIAL

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GOP ARE TRYING TO FORCE THE PURCHASE OF PL-480 WHEAT EVEN THOUGH IT IS NOT NEEDED HERE AND IS NOT IN THE INTERESTS OF PAKISTAN. A SECOND PARAGRAPH ATTACKS THE PRESS ATTACHE AT THE ROK CONSULATE-GENERAL IN ISLAMABAD SUGGESTING THAT HE IS A CIA AGENT. H.K. BURKIE, IN AN ARTICLE MILD BY HIS STANDARDS ATTACHS THOSE MIDDLE AND UPPER-CLASS PAKISTANIS WHO HAVE "SOLD OUT" TO THE UNITED STATES. THEIR GREED MAKES THEM FLOCK TO THE CIA AND THEY WOULD SELL PAKISTAN IF THEY COULD, ACCORDING TO BURKI. CONSTABLE

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